



## **BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Applied Law**

## **BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Applied Law**

### **Who is this course for?**

Law involves analysing a wide range of issues and problems. It is a vibrant and exciting subject. It helps you to be self-confident in dealing with issues, disputes and other people. You will study specific areas of English law in detail and you will develop excellent, and transferable, analytical skills. A few schools offer GCSE Law but most do not. So, we build on your existing skills and your interest in legal issues as you embark on studying what, for most, is a new subject. This course is 100% coursework based and will suit students who wish to study the subject through assignment based assessment, rather than examinations.

### **What are the entry criteria**

The minimum entry requirement for enrolment on the course is a 5.00 GCSE average that includes a minimum of a C grade in GCSE English Language.

### **The Law, Business and Accounts department at Wyke Sixth Form College**

**BTEC Subsidiary Certificate and Diploma in Applied Law** belong to the department of "Law, Business and Accounts", one of the largest departments in the college. Many of our courses are graded as outstanding.

The department team is

**Brian Johnstone (Head of Department and teacher of AS and A2 Law)**

**Mark Urding (teacher of AS and A2 Law and BTEC Applied Law)**

Nicola Baker (teacher of AS and A2 Accounting)

Elizabeth Blakey (Course Leader of vocational Business courses, teacher of AS and A2 Business, BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Certificate and Diploma in Business, BTEC Level 2 First Diploma in Business)

Gill Blyth (teacher of AS/A2 Economics, AS Business, BTEC level 2 Diploma in Business, BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Certificate and Diploma in Business)

Paul Rhynehart (teacher of AS and A2 Business, AS and A2 Economics, BTEC level 3 Subsidiary Certificate and Diploma in Business)

BTEC Applied Law has two dedicated teaching/computer rooms in the Wilson building, and the ASH building. These are air conditioned rooms with up to date computers. Students are provided with up to date textbooks, highly effective printed

notes linked to integrated assignment material, and a constantly updated DVD collection and online materials. Our Moodle presence is to be expanded.

## **Exam Board**

Edexcel

## **Course Details**

There are 3 units in each year of the two year course.

### **Unit 1 – Dispute Solving in the Legal System**

1. Understand the hierarchy of the court system
2. Understand the roles undertaken by the personnel of the courts
3. Know about the alternatives to the courts
4. Know about the finance of advice and representation

### **Unit 2 – Understand Law Making**

1. Understand how legal rules are created by precedent
2. Understand how statutory rules are made
3. Know how statutes are interpreted
4. Know the importance of the European legislative process and its institutions

### **Unit 3 – Aspects of Legal Liability**

1. Understand the impact of the law of negligence
2. Know the rules on damages
3. Understand the elements of a crime
4. Know the aims of sentencing

### **Unit 4 – Unlawful Homicide and Police Powers**

1. Be able to apply the law on murder
2. Understand the law on voluntary manslaughter
3. Understand the law on involuntary manslaughter
4. Know the regulations regarding the detention of suspected offenders

### **Unit 8 – Aspects of the Law of Tort**

1. Know the elements of the law on liability for economic loss and negligent misstatements
2. Be able to apply the law on negligence for psychiatric harm
3. Be able to apply the law on negligence for occupiers' liability
4. Know the law on private nuisance

### **Unit 10 – Aspects of Family law**

1. Understand the legal obligations of relationships
2. Be able to apply the law on cessation of relationships
3. Know the law relating to children
4. Understand the law on maintenance

Each of the units will be assessed by way of continual assessment. There is no examination.

## **How the course is delivered**

There will be four 70 minute lessons each week. The majority of the lessons will take place in the computer labs, enabling students to access the internet to conduct research and complete assignments. Textbooks are also available. In the course of the lessons students will access topical news reports to highlight the relevant topics and there will be opportunities to visit the local courts and listen to relevant guest speakers.

## **Departmental Enrichment**

Alongside visits to the courts and any guest speakers that are invited to address students, the department also participates in the national bar mock trial competition. This involves a team of Wyke law students taking on the role of barristers, court officials, witnesses and defendants in mock trials. The team competes against other colleges and schools at Leeds Crown Court where their performances are judged by actual Crown Court Judges.

## **Student success**

This course is new to the College, commencing in September 2010. As a result, none of our students have yet completed the two year programme. However, the first year of the course has been particularly successful with many students gaining the highest grade – a distinction\*. A number of students who successfully completed the first year, are now in the process of applying for well-respected Higher Education courses including Law.

## **What does this course lead to**

Many students who take Law at Wyke Sixth Form College go on to university and become qualified lawyers. Well over a hundred of our students have moved on to study law at university in the last six years. Many of our students have followed different career routes, making use of the analytical and communication skills that the subject provides. As well as a career in law, journalism, marketing, public relations, teaching, business and government are all careers that utilise the skills and knowledge that the subject provides. The BTEC Level 3 Certificate and Diploma in Law will facilitate access to Higher education courses in the subject.

## **What can I do now that would help prepare me for this course?**

To gain more information regarding the course syllabus, you should follow the link to the Edexcel website.

<http://www.edexcel.com/quals/nationals10/applaw/Pages/default.aspx>

